

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Atty. Docket No: 051916/0107/INBI

In re patent application of

Diane VAN ALSTYNE, *et al.*

Serial No. UNKNOWN

Group Art Unit: UNKNOWN

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Examiner: UNKNOWN

For: PEPTIDES REPRESENTING EPITOPIC SITES FOR BACTERIAL AND VIRAL  
MENINGITIS CAUSING AGENTS AND THEIR CNS CARRIER, ANTIBODIES  
THERE TO, AND USES THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:** Please delete the title and replace with the following title:

*a*  
METHODS TO CLEAR MENINGITIS CAUSING AGENTS USING ANTIBODIES TO  
PEPTIDES REPRESENTING EPITOPIC SITES FOR BACTERIAL AND VIRAL  
MENINGITIS CAUSING AGENTS

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Page 1, ☒ line 1, change "continuing" to continuing application of Serial No.  
08/486,050, filed June 7, 1995, which was a continuation-in-part--;  
☒ line 2, change "1994" to --1993--.

Page 25, line 27, after "sequence" insert --(SEQ ID NO:1)--.

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ANTIBODIES THERETO, AND USES THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 1998, Applicants respectfully  
request the amendment of the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the following claims:

Claim 23, line 2, delete "QQQPKA" and insert --QQQPPKA--.

Claim 25, line 2, delete "QQQPKA" and insert --QQQPPKA--.

Respectfully submitted,



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